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PARTIES

Plaintiff

Lead Case

Averill Barkhouse Active 04/29/2005 Private Counsel 550055

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Plaintiff

Jody Barkhouse Active 04/29/2005 *** See Attorney Information Above ***

Defendant

Delta Airlines Inc Served: 07/29/2005

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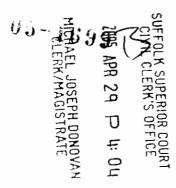
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By his attorneys,

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AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE

- I, Kevin C. Cain, hereby depose under oath and state as follows:
- On July 29, 2005, I served a copy of the summons and complaint relating to this matter by certified mail, return receipt requested, on the principal office of Delta Air Lines, Inc., 1030 Delta Boulevard, Dept. 852, Atlanta, Georgia 30320.
- Attached to this affidavit as Exhibit A is a true and accurate copy of my cover letter with enclosures, and the certified mail receipt.

Signed under the pains and penalties of perjury this 29th day of July, 2005.

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Via Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested

Delta Air Lines, Inc. 1030 Delta Boulevard Dept. 852 Atlanta, GA 30320

Re: Averill Barkhouse, et al. v. Delta Airlines, Inc. and Globe Ground North America LLC

Suffolk Superior Court, Civil Action No. 05-1699

Dear Sir/Madam:

Enclosed please find a Summons and Complaint with reference to the above-captioned matter.

To ensure that your interests are properly protected, please forward the Summons and Complaint to your attorney or insurance carrier immediately.

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Levin C. Cain

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NOTICE TO DEFENDANT — You need not appear personally in court to answer the complaint, but if you claim to have a defense, either you or your attorney must serve a copy of your written answer within 20 days as specified herein and also file the original in the Clerk's Office.

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SUMMONS

To the above-named Defendant: Delta Airlines, Inc.

You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon Kevin C. Cain, Esq., Peabody & Arnold LLP plaintiff's attorney, whose address is 30 Roves Wharf, Boston, MA 02110, an answer to the complaint which is herewith served upon you, within 20 days after service of this summons upon you, exclusive of the day of service. If you fail to do so, judgment by default will be taken against you for the relief demanded in the complaint. You are also required to file your answer to the complaint in the office of the Clerk of this court at Boston either before service upon plaintiff's attorney or within a reasonable time thereafter.

Unless otherwise provided by Rule 13(a), your answer must state as a counterclaim any claim which you may have against the plaintiff which arises out of the transaction or occurrence that is the subject matter of the plaintiff's claim or you will thereafter be barred from making such claim in any other action.

Barbara J. Rouse ceedio, Esquire, at Boston, the twenty-ninth July , in the year of our Lord two thousand and five

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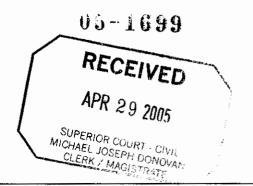
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July 29, 2005

Via Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested

Globe Ground North America LLC 111 Great Neck Road, Suite 600 P. O. Box 355 Great Neck, NY 11022-0355

Re: <u>Averill Barkhouse, et al. v. Delta Airlines, Inc. and Globe Ground North America LLC</u> Suffolk Superior Court, Civil Action No. 05-1699

Dear Sir/Madam:

Enclosed please find a Summons and Complaint with reference to the above-captioned matter.

To ensure that your interests are properly protected, please forward the Summons and Complaint to your attorney or insurance carrier immediately.

Kevin C. Cain

Very truly yours,

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NOTICE TO DEFENDANT — You need not appear personally in court to answer the complaint, but if you claim to have a defense, either you or your attorney must serve a copy of your written answer within 20 days as specified herein and also file the original in the Clerk's Office.

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SUPERIOR COURT DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT CIVIL ACTION

No05-1699	

Averill Barkhouse and Jody Barkhouse

_ , Plaintiff(s)

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Delta Airlnes, Inc. and Globe Ground North . Defendant(s) America LLC

SUMMONS

To the above-named Defendant: Globe Ground North America LLC

You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon Kevin C. Cain, Esq. Peabody & Arnold LLP

plaintiff's attorney, whose address is 30 Rowes Wharf, Boston, MA 02110, an answer to the complaint which is herewith served upon you, within 20 days after service of this summons upon you, exclusive of the day of service. If you fail to do so, judgment by default will be taken against you for the relief demanded in the complaint. You are also required to file your answer to the complaint in the office of the Clerk of this court at Boston either before service upon plaintiff's attorney or within a reasonable time thereafter.

Unless otherwise provided by Rule 13(a), your answer must state as a counterclaim any claim which you may have against the plaintiff which arises out of the transaction or occurrence that is the subject matter of the plaintiff's claim or you will thereafter be barred from making such claim in any other action.

Barbara J. Rouse io, Esquire, at Boston, the twenty-ninth Ju1y in the year of our Lord two thousand ___

> Michael Joseph Donovan Clerk/Magistrate

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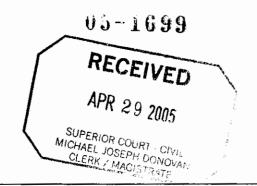
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Defendants



COMPLAINT

Parties

- 1. The plaintiff, Averill Barkhouse, is a natural person who currently resides at 3849 Highway 14, Upper Rawdon, Nova Scotia, Canada.
- 2. The plaintiff, Jody Barkhouse, is a natural person who currently resides at 3849 Highway 14, Upper Rawdon, Nova Scotia, Canada.
- 3. The defendant, Delta Air Lines, Inc. ("Delta") is a Delaware Corporation with its principal place of business at 1030 Delta Blvd Dept. 852 Altlanta, GA, 30320. Delta's resident agent in Massachusetts is Corporation Service Company, 84 State Street, Boston, MA 02109.
- 4. The defendant, GlobeGround North America LLC ("GlobeGround"), is a Delaware Corporation with its principal place of business at 111 Great Neck Road, Great Neck, MA 11022-0000. GlobeGround's resident agent is CT Corporation System, 101 Federal Street, Boston, MA 02110.

Facts |

 On May 3, 2003 Averill Barkhouse and Jody Barkhouse were passengers on Delta flight DL2070 originating in Atlanta, Georgia with a destination of Boston, Massachusetts.

- 6. Flight DL2070 was the first segment of a trip with the final destination of Halifax, Nova Scotia. The lack of a direct flight from Atlanta required the Barkhouse's to change of planes in Boston.
- 7. Averill Barkhouse was a quadriplegic, traveled with a custom motorized wheelchair and required assistance in embarking and disembarking the aircraft.
- 8. Upon information and belief GlobeGround was contracted by Delta airlines to provide Delta with certain ground based services at Boston's Logan International Airport, including, inter alia, assistance in transferring physically disabled passengers to and from Delta's aircraft.
- 9. Delta and GlobeGround were on notice of Averill Barkhouse's medical condition and his need for assistance embarking and disembarking Delta's aircraft in Boston.
- 10. GlobeGround's employees failed to use ordinary care in transferring Averill Barkhouse from his seat on Delta flight DL2070 to a wheelchair in Boston.
- 11. As a result of the negligence of GlobeGround's employees, Averill Barkhouse suffered serious personal injuries, including but not limited to a fracture to his left hip.

<u>COUNT I – NEGLIGENCE – (Averill Barkhouse against all Defendants)</u>

- 12. The plaintiff, Averill Barkhouse repeats and realleges the allegations contained in paragraphs 1 through 11 and incorporates them as if fully set forth herein.
- 13. Each defendant owed the plaintiff a duty of care in the transfer of Averill Barkhouse from the Delta aircraft to the terminal.
- 14. As a direct and proximate result of the negligence of each defendant plaintiff, Averill Barkhouse was caused to suffer serious debilitating physical injuries including mental and physical pain.

WHEREFORE, the Plaintiff, Averill Barkhouse, demands judgment against the defendants, jointly and severally, for the damages herein described, in a full and just amount, together with interest and costs.

COUNT II - LOSS OF CONSORTIUM - (Jody Barkhouse against all Defendants)

- 15. The plaintiff, Jody Barkhouse repeats and realleges the allegations contained in paragraphs 1 through 11 and incorporates them as if fully set forth herein.
- 16. Each defendant owed the plaintiff a duty of care in the transfer of Averill Barkhouse from the Delta aircraft to the terminal.
- 17. As a direct and proximate result of the negligence of each defendant plaintiff, Jody Barkhouse Averill Barkhouse was caused to suffer a loss of consortium, company,

society, and affection of Averill Barkhouse due to the serious debilitating physical injuries he suffered due to the negligence of the defendants.

WHEREFORE, the Plaintiff, Jody Barkhouse, demands judgment against the defendants, jointly and severally, for the damages herein described, in a full and just amount, together with interest and costs.

JURY CLAIM

The plaintiff hereby requests a trial by jury.

By his attorneys,

Kevin C. Cain #550055 Peabody & Arnold LLP

30 Rowes Wharf Boston, MA 02110

(617) 951-2100

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SUPERIOR COURT CIVIL ACTION NO. 05-1699

AVERILL BARKHOUSE and JODY BARKHOUSE

Plaintiff

v.

DELTA AIRLINES, INC. and GLOBE GROUND NORTH AMERICA LLC

Defendants

AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE

- I, Kevin C. Cain, hereby depose under oath and state as follows:
- 1. On July 29, 2005, I served a copy of the summons and complaint relating to this matter by certified mail, return receipt requested, on the principal office of Delta Air Lines, Inc., 1030 Delta Boulevard, Dept. 852, Atlanta, Georgia 30320. Also, on August 1, 2005, I caused to be served by the Suffolk County Sheriff's Department a copy of the summons and complaint upon Delta Air Lines c/o Corporation Service Company, 84 State Street, Boston, Massachusetts.
- 2. Attached to this affidavit as <u>Exhibit A</u> is a true and accurate copy of my cover letter, the original summons with original return of service, and the signed original domestic return receipt.

Signed under the pains and penalties of perjury this 5th day of August, 2005.

I HEREBY ATTEST AND CERTIFY ON

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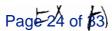
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Plaintiff(s)

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SUMMONS

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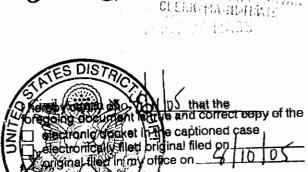
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NOTICE OF REMOVAL TO UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1441 et seq. and LR 81.1 Delta Air Lines, Inc. ("Delta") hereby gives notice that it now removes this matter from the Superior Court Department of the Trial Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for Suffolk County to the United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts. This action is subject to removal pursuant to the provisions of 28 U.S.C. §1441 et seq. for the following reasons:

FOR THE DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS

- 1. On April 29, 2005 the plaintiffs (collectively "Barkhouse") brought a civil action against Delta and GlobeGround North America LLC ("GlobeGround") styled Averill Barkhouse, et al v. Delta Air Lines, Inc., et al, bearing Civil Action No. 05-1699 ("the State Court Action"). A true copy of the Complaint in that case is attached hereto and marked Exhibit A.
- 2. The State Court Action is one over which this Court has original jurisdiction and is removable pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §1441, in that it is a civil action between

- citizens of a foreign nation and another state, and neither defendant is a citizen of the state in which the action is brought.
- 3. In paragraphs 1 and 2 of the Complaint, Barkhouse alleges the plaintiffs are citizens of Upper Rawdon, Nova Scotia, Canada. In paragraphs 3 and 4 Barkhouse avers that Delta and GlobeGround are Delaware corporations.
- 4. Liability questions aside, Delta believes that the amount in controversy in this matter exceeds \$75,000, exclusive of interest and costs, the amount in controversy required for removal by 28 U.S.C. §1332 (a).
- 5. Barkhouse served Delta with process, through its agent for service, Corporation Service Company, on August 1, 2005 but it has yet to file an Answer or otherwise respond to the State Court Action.
- Barkhouse served GlobeGround with process, through its agent for service,
 Corporation Service Company, on August 1, 2005 but it has yet to file an Answer or otherwise respond to the State Court Action.
- Counsel for GlobeGround has given her assent to remove this matter, and her
 Consent to Removal is attached hereto and marked Exhibit B.
- 8. The Convention for the Unification of Certain Rules Relating to International Transportation by Air, Oct. 12, 1929, 49 Stat. 3000, 3014, T.S. No. 876 (1934), reprinted in note following 49 U.S.C. § 40105 (the "Warsaw Convention") support the defendants' preemption defense to Barkhouse's claims, the notion that those claims arise under federal common law, and that the Complaint raises a cause of action under the Constitution, federal statute, or international treaty:
- Promptly after filing this Notice of Removal of the State Court action, Delta will
 give written notice of such filing to counsel for Barkhouse, will file a copy of the

Notice of Removal with the Clerk of the State Court, and will proceed no further unless and until the case is remanded.

WHEREFORE, Delta Air Lines, Inc. respectfully requests that this case be removed from the Superior Court Department of the Trial Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for Suffolk County to the United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts.

Respectfully submitted, Delta Air Lines, Inc.

By its attorneys,

Thomas R. Murphy

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